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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A communications system comprising:

a plurality of communications devices communicating with each other over a network;
a storage on said network storing location and presence information about system users,
each of said plurality of communications devices being identifiable with at least one system user;
and

an identity context reminder service monitoring ~~location and presence status~~ for said plurality of communications devices for current location and presence status and comparing said current monitored location and presence status for inconsistencies with an expected location and presence from stored said location and presence information, said identity context reminder service selectively providing a reminder to respective communications device of said plurality of communications devices responsive to an inconsistency.

2. (currently amended) A communications system as in claim 1, further comprising a presence service receiving current presence status from said plurality of communications devices and providing received current presence status to said identity context reminder service.

3. (original) A communications system as in claim 2, wherein at least one said reminder indicates that said respective communications device is at a location other than a previously scheduled expected location.

4. (currently amended) A communications system as in claim 1, further comprising a location service receiving current location status from said plurality of communications devices and providing received current location status to said identity context reminder service.

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5. (original) A communications system as in claim 4, wherein at least one said reminder indicates that an user identified to said respective communications device is at a location other than an expected location.
6. (original) A communications system as in claim 1, further comprising a notification service, said identity context reminder service identifying a selected one of said plurality of communications devices and said notification service providing said reminder to said selected one.
7. (original) A communications system as in claim 6, wherein said notification service is a text based messaging service.
8. (original) A communications system as in claim 7, wherein said text based messaging service is selected from the group consisting of e-mail, instant messaging and short message service (SMS).
9. (original) A communications system as in claim 1, further comprising an identity context reminder client on at least one communications device of said plurality of communications devices, said identity context reminder client facilitating managing identity context reminder notifications from said at least one communications device.
10. (original) A communications system as in claim 1, wherein said at least one of said communications devices is a mobile station (MS) in a cellular phone network.
11. (currently amended) A communications system as in claim 1, wherein storage is a central storage and said identity content service is located on a server with said central storage, and said communications system further comprises a rules based engine on said server monitoring said current location and presence status on [[for]] said plurality of communications devices and providing said identity context reminder service.

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12. (original) A method of maintaining location and presence status current in a communications system including a plurality of communications devices networked together, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) storing location and presence information for a user identified with one or more communications devices;
- b) monitoring a plurality of communications devices for current location and presence status;
- c) comparing said current location and presence status to stored said location and presence information to identify inconsistencies; and
- d) sending a notification to a corresponding one of said one or more communications devices.

13. (original) A method as in claim 12, wherein said notification is provided as a text message displayed by at least one of said one or more communications devices.

14. (original) A method as in claim 12, further comprising the step of:

- e) updating stored said location and presence information.

15. (currently amended) A method as in claim 14, wherein said one or more communications devices are identified with a particular communications system user, said stored location and presence information for said particular communications system user being updated and managed from said one or more communications devices.

16. (currently amended) A computer program product for sharing user location and presence status amongst a plurality of users identified with communications devices networked together in a communications system, said computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code thereon, said computer readable program code comprising:

computer program code means for storing location and presence information;

computer program code means for monitoring ~~location and presence status~~ for a plurality of communications devices for current location and presence status;

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computer program code means for identifying inconsistencies between stored said location and presence information and monitored said current location and presence status; and computer program code means for providing notification of an identified inconsistency to a corresponding communications device.

17. (original) A computer program product for sharing user location and presence status as in claim 16, wherein said computer program code means for providing notification comprises computer program code means for sending text messages to selected ones of said plurality of communications devices.

18. (original) A computer program product for sharing user location and presence status as in claim 17, wherein said text messages comprise e-mail, instant messages and short message service (SMS) messages.

19. (original) A computer program product for sharing user location and presence status as in claim 16, further comprising computer program code means for receiving location and presence updates from ones of said plurality of communications devices.

20. (currently amended) A computer program product for managing location and presence information for a user associated with a communications device amongst a plurality of communications devices networked together in a communications system, said communications device providing location and presence information to said communications system, said computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code thereon, said computer readable program code comprising:

computer program code means for providing current location and presence status to a location context reminder service;

computer program code means for indicating receipt of reminders, received said reminders indicating inconsistencies between expected current said location and presence information and actual current said location and presence status; and

computer program code means for providing location and presence information updates to said location context reminder service.

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21. (original) A computer program product for managing location and presence information as in claim 20, wherein said computer program code means for indicating reminders comprises computer program code means for text messaging.

22. (original) A computer program product for managing location and presence information as in claim 21, wherein said computer program code means for text messaging is selected from a group consisting of:

computer program code means for sending and receiving e-mail;
computer program code means for instant messaging; and
computer program code means for sending and receiving short message service (SMS) messages.

23. (original) A computer program product for managing location and presence information as in claim 22, wherein said computer program code means for indicating reminders selects said computer program code means for text messaging from said group.

24. (original) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions, the plurality of instructions including instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to:

- a) store location and presence information for a user identified with one or more communications devices;
- b) monitor a plurality of communications devices for current location and presence status;
- c) compare said current location and presence status to said stored said location and presence information to identify inconsistencies; and
- d) send a notification to a corresponding one of said one or more communications devices.

25. (original) A computer-readable medium as in claim 24, wherein said notification is provided as a text message displayed by at least one of said one or more communications devices.

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26. (original) A computer-readable medium as in claim 24, the plurality of instructions further comprising the step of:

- e) updating stored said location and presence information.